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July 8, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STAFF
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Ammonium Perchlorate (AP)

It has been brought to my attention that many organizations are concerned about possible delays in launch dates due to an AP shortfall. I believe an understanding of the AP recovery process and our present launch situation resulting from initial AP allocations will alleviate most of your concern.

We have embarked on a four-phase approach to resolve the situation: (1) determine requirements, (2) determine capacity, (3) allocate supplies, and (4) restore capacity. An Air Force led task force consisting of OSD, JCS, Army, Navy and NASA has been meeting to address these issues. The group determined that a shortfall existed and consequently restoration of capacity became the most immediate concern. Subsequently, they determined the shortfall could be mitigated with the allocation of AP to the operational requirements of space launch, strategic, and tactical programs in lieu of programmatic production requirements. A consensus was reached on allocation of June and July AP production with space launch programs receiving the highest priority. As a result, Titan 34D, Titan IV, and Shuttle schedules are presently not impacted through FY 89. This task force will next determine AP allocation through CY 88 for launches in FY 90. We are also continuing to pursue capacity restoration.

There are many factors affecting this situation; however I am optimistic that future NRO launches will not be significantly impacted by an AP shortfall. I will continue to keep you informed.

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